

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-021DIV
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	Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 31, 2009 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 31, 2010. This amendment is being filed within the two-month period ending on March 1, 2010 (February 28, 2010 being a Sunday). In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments set forth below raise no new issues. Rather, the amendments place the claims in form for allowance or in better form for appeal. Entry of these amendments is thus respectfully requested.